

FRUIT

Some isolated hail and wind damage was reported in 2003, but the excessive rainfall appeared to have the most adverse affect on fruit production. Growers were forced to reapply pesticides more often than normal. The state's total **apple** production for 2003, at 87 million pounds, was below that of the two previous years, while prices were slightly higher. Value of utilized production totaled 8.2 million dollars, up 5 percent from 2002.

Despite the excessive moisture, West Virginia **peach** producers harvested an above average crop. Quality and

quantity were both reported as above normal. Peach prices were at record levels at 37 cents per pound. West Virginia peach production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up from the three previous years' production. Value of utilized production totaled 4.4 million dollars, up 41 percent from 2002.

Nationally, total apple production was estimated at 8.61 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2002. Total peach production was estimated at 2.52 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002.

COMMERCIAL APPLES: Production and Value, 1994-2003

Year	Bearing Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
	Acres	Lbs.	Mill. Lbs.	Mill. Lbs.	Cents	(000) Dollars
1994	10,000	15,000	150.0	145.0	9.5	13,785
1995	10,000	16,500	165.0	155.0	11.0	17,085
1996	9,000	11,700	105.0	100.0	11.1	11,100
1997	8,000	14,400	115.0	110.0	10.3	11,300
1998	8,000	13,800	110.0	107.0	9.0	9,678
1999	8,000	17,500	140.0	135.0	9.3	12,505
2000	7,000	12,100	85.0	83.0	9.5	7,883
2001	6,500	16,200	105.0	95.0	8.5	8,120
2002	6,500	14,600	95.0	92.0*	8.5*	7,821*
2003	6,000	14,500	87.0	85.0	9.6	8,201

*Revised.

COMMERCIAL APPLES: Processed Utilization and Value, 1994-2003

Year	Quantity Fresh Market	Fresh Market Price Per Pound	Fresh Market Value of Production	Quantity Processed	All Processed Price Per Ton	Canned	Canned Price/ Ton	Juice & Cider	Juice & Cider Price/ Ton	Processed Value of Production
	Mill. Lbs.	Cents	(000) Dollars	Mill. Lbs.	Dollars	Mill. Lbs.	Dollars	Mill. Lbs.	Dollars	(000) Dollars
1994	35.0	17.7	6,195	110	138	72.2	151	25.3	92	7,590
1995	40.0	22.3	8,920	115	142	72.0	152	32.0	116	8,165
1996	20.0	19.1	3,820	80	182	45.0	194	22.0	142	7,280
1997	20.0	18.7	3,740	90	168	-	-	-	-	7,560
1998	17.0	15.9	2,703	90	155	-	-	-	-	6,975
1999	20.0	21.7	4,340	115	142	-	-	40.0	92	8,165
2000	15.0	21.5	3,225	68	137	-	-	21.0	85	4,658
2001	15.0	20.0	3,000	80	128	58.0	142	20.0	88	5,120
2002	15.0	18.0	2,700	77	133	60.0	140	15.0	104	5,121
2003	16.0	21.5	3,440	69	138	48.0	154	14.0	104	4,761

PEACHES: Production and Value, 1994-2003

Year	Bearing Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
	Acres	Lbs.	Mill. Lbs.	Mill. Lbs.	Cents	(000) Dollars
1994 ^{1/}	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
1995	2,000	9,000	18.0	16.5	22.4	3,700
1996	1,800	8,890	16.0	15.5	36.9	5,726
1997	1,300	8,460	11.0	10.5	29.3	3,080
1998	1,300	9,770	12.7	12.4	26.4	3,270
1999	1,300	9,690	12.6	12.3	30.2	3,716
2000	1,200	5,830	7.0	7.0	25.6	1,795
2001	1,200	9,170	11.0	10.7	30.0	3,210
2002	1,100	9,090	10.0	10.0	31.0	3,100
2003	1,100	11,400	12.5	11.8	37.0	4,366

^{1/} No significant commercial production due to frost.